

Appl. No. 09/978,428

Response to Non-Compliant Amendment dated 08/24/2004

REMARKS

The Amendment document that was filed by Applicants on August 12, 2004 in response to the Office Action of May 27, 2004 was considered non-compliant because it failed to meet the requirements of proper status identifiers under CFR§1.121.

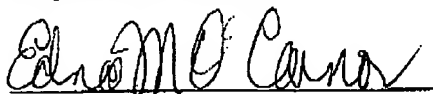
In response, Applicants herewith resubmit the entire "Claims" section of the Applicants' Amendment of August 12, 2004.

This response to a notice of non-compliant amendment is in reply to a non-final office action and it is believed no fee is required in the filing of this reply. However, if Applicants are mistaken, please charge any required fees to Deposit account number 032316.

If there are any questions regarding this reply, or if prosecution can be expedited in any manner by a telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the below telephone number.

9/2/2004
Date

Respectfully submitted,



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